

WISDOM OF SECRET HUGHES ON SOLUTION OF THE EUROPEAN REPARATIONS PROBLEM; PROBLEMS ARE WORLD PROBLEMS

In an Address at New Haven the Secretary of State Suggests That an Independent Commission of Financiers Could Accomplish More Than a General International Conference—Would Have Commission Kept Free From Responsibility to Foreign Officials on Any Duty to Obey Political Instructions—Recognizes Reparations Settlement as the Root of Economic Equilibrium—Has No Desire to Have Germany Relieved of Responsibility for the War, But Does Not Wish to See a Prostrate Germany—Believes Permanent Peace is Dependent Upon Economic Satisfaction—Says America Should Aid in Any Practicable Way, But is Opposed to the United States Assuming the Role of Arbitrator.

New Haven, Dec. 29.—A suggestion that an independent commission of financiers could accomplish more than a general international conference toward solution of the European reparations problem was put forward by Secretary Hughes here tonight in the first public pronouncement on the economic crisis to come from responsible officials of the administration in Washington.

The secretary, who spoke before the American Historical association, added that he had "no doubt as to the fact that Americans would be willing to serve on such a commission, which he said might well be kept free from any responsibility to foreign officials or any duty to obey political instructions. Once advantage had been taken of the opportunities thus afforded, he said, "the avenue of American helplessness cannot fail to open."

Referring to suggestions that the United States assume the role of arbitrator in the reparations dispute, Mr. Hughes said that "the United States was the fact that we have not been asked to do so." He went on to say he did not believe this government should take such a burden of responsibility.

Throughout his discussion the secretary recognized that the questions of reparations lay at the root of any economic settlement. "The problems which we are discussing," he said, "are not to be disposed of by calling them European." He declared the United States would "view with disfavour measures which threaten disaster" and said to one could force the "serious consequences" which might ensue if forcible means were adopted to obtain reparations from Germany.

Text of Mr. Hughes' Discussion
The full text of Mr. Hughes' discussion of economic problems follows:
"The economic conditions in Europe are the most serious of the world. We have long received the earnest consideration of the administration. It is idle to say that we are not interested in these problems for we are deeply interested in them. The situation in Europe is a humanitarian one, and as the heart of the American people goes out to those who are suffering, we cannot but be concerned in their world problems and we cannot escape the injurious consequences of a failure to settle them."

"They are, however, European problems in the sense that they cannot be solved without the consent of European governments. We cannot tamper with them. The key to the settlement is in their hands, not in ours."

Settlement of Reparations Paramount
"The crux of the European situation lies in the settlement of reparations. There will be no adjustment of the reparations, however pressing, until a definite and accepted basis for the discharge of reparations claims has been fixed. It is futile to attempt to erect any economic structure in Europe until the foundation is laid."

"How can the United States help in this matter? We are not seeking reparations. We are seeking peace. We are seeking the return of the costs of our army of occupation, and, with good reason, for we have maintained our army in Europe at the request of the allied governments and under an agreement that its costs, with like army costs, should be a first charge upon the amounts paid by Germany. Others have been paid, and we have not been paid."

U. S. Has Made No Demands
"But we are not seeking general reparations. We are hearing our own burden and through our loans are helping part of Europe to build a new foundation. No demands of our kind in the way of a proper settlement of the reparations question."

"Of course, we hold the obligations of European governments and there has been much discussion abroad and here respecting them. There has been a persistent attempt over since the armistice to link up the debts owing to our government with reparations or with projects of cancellation. This attempt was resisted in a definite manner by the former administration and under the present administration."

The matter is plain enough from our standpoint. The capital of Germany is not at all affected by any indebtedness of any of the allies to us. That indebtedness does not diminish Germany's capacity, and its capacity, in turn, does not increase her capacity. For example, Mr. France has been able to finance her part in the war without borrowing at all from us, that is, by the sale of her bonds. The problem of what Germany could pay would be exactly the same. Moreover, so far as the debtors to the United States are concerned, they are not at all affected by the situation and capacity to pay cannot be properly determined until the amount that can be realized on these credits for reparations has been determined."

About Foreign Debts
"The administration must also consider the difficulty arising from the fact that the question of these obligations which we hold, and what shall be done with them, is not a question within the province of the executive. Not only may Congress deal with public property of our own but it has dealt with it. It has created a commission and instead of

Borah to Withhold His Amendment Liquor Laws Violated in Select Circles

Pending Executive Movement to Aid the Adjustment of Conditions in Europe.

Washington, Dec. 29.—The fight over the proposal of Senator Borah that President Harding call an economic conference came to a sensational climax in the Senate today when the senator announced that he would withhold his proposed amendment to the naval appropriations bill on administration assurances, given by Senator Watson of Indiana, that the president already was sending a message to the House in which he would indicate the situation in a way which might lead to some movement which would adjust the conditions prevailing in Europe.

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Two indictments were returned charging a conspiracy through which approximately 20,000 gallons of assorted liquors have been illegally sold. Some of those indicted also were charged with having forged liquor permits and other papers.

In a statement in connection with the indictments, United States Attorney Hayward asserted that his office had followed the trail of alleged bootlegging even to select circles and exclusive places. He charged that liquor had been sold on a wholesale scale to exclusive clubs and to the La Montagne family.

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—Near East Peace Conference Again on the Verge of Disaster—British Fleet Has Hastily Returned to Constantinople.

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Marquess Curzon, British foreign secretary and head of the British delegation to the Near East conference, plans to leave Sunday for Paris, where he will remain until Tuesday for the purpose of conferring with Prime Minister Bonar Law in regard to the Near Eastern situation.

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During the past week the following matter has appeared in the news columns of The Bulletin for two cents a day:

Bulletin	Telegraph	Local	General	Total
Saturday, Dec. 23.....	88	152	238	524
Sunday, Dec. 24.....	62	119	200	471
Monday, Dec. 25.....	104	94	268	466
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KILLED BY FATHER-IN-LAW AFTER SLAYING HIS DAUGHTER

New York, Dec. 29.—After he had shot and killed his 25-year-old wife, Frank Dagote tonight was killed by his father-in-law, Giovanni Magliocco, who was charged with murder.

The shooting took place in the Brooklyn home of the Dagotes, in the presence of the police. Magliocco was arrested and charged with murder.

Two patrolmen, hearing the shots, rushed into the home where they found Dagote and his wife lying on the floor, bleeding. Magliocco was standing over the bodies, clutching an automatic pistol.

The children of the Dagotes were taken to a hospital. Magliocco was taken to the police station.

According to the children's father, Dagote and his wife were quarreling this morning.

Tonight, while their grandfather, their mother and they were in the dining room, the basement door bell rang and Mrs. Dagote answered it. The children say they heard her voice and their father and mother, then two shots.

Magliocco told the police that at this point he got his own forty-five calibre automatic and ran down stairs to the basement entrance where he found Dagote standing over the young wife's body. The children came trooping after him.

"When I saw my daughter lying there that way I must have gone crazy," he said. "I don't know how many shots I fired, or I fired all I could get out of my gun."

The police say he fired nine shots, two of which took effect.

"DIVINE SARAH" SENDS MESSAGE TO AMERICANS
BANDIT GANG SENTENCED FOR SERIES OF ROBBERIES

Paris, Dec. 29.—(By The A. P.)—Tell the American people that I shall return to the stage next Wednesday night," said a letter which the Associated Press this evening in the course of the first interview she has granted since her fall during the rehearsal of a new play two weeks ago.

The actress, who is recovering from a great improvement today, having been able to have luncheon with the members of her household in the dining room, said she was feeling well.

Her physician, who said that she had found no evidence of organic disease of chronic illness and were of the belief that the collapse of Madame Bernhardt was due only to over-exertion and strain.

"Tell my American friends," Bernhardt added, "that I am far from despairing and that I shall return to the stage next Wednesday night."

It was understood that Bernhardt would choose to act, probably will give me a new lease on life."

TO CONTINUE CONTROL OF FUEL DISTRIBUTION
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—President Harding has decided to continue the existing federal control of fuel distribution for at least another month.

Today at the White House, though Conrad E. Spens, the present head of the office, has resigned and presented a final report to the president, the emergency measure taken since the end of the coal strike to assist the country in getting a coal supply, an organization will be maintained to continue such distribution activities as are considered still necessary and to act as an assurance against any stringency in the near future.

The fuel distribution office, created under emergency legislation, may be terminated or brought into existence again at any time by presidential proclamation.

It was understood that Mr. Wadsworth, who has been in charge of sections of its work, would be named as Mr. Spens' successor.

TO COMMUTE SENTENCES OF "POLITICAL PRISONERS"
WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.—President Harding expects to sign tomorrow commutation of sentences of twelve or more "political prisoners," it was said today by White House spokesmen.

There, however, he no general amnesty, it was said.

The commutations, it was explained, would be in the nature of New Year's gifts. Just prior to Christmas the president granted three commutations, but these were not for offenders against wartime laws.

TWO MORE ENEMIES OF THE IRISH FREE STATE EXECUTED
Dublin, Dec. 29.—(By The A. P.)—Two more men were put to death today as enemies of the Irish Free State. Their names were given in the official account of the execution, which took place at Kilbrin, near Dublin.

The official report says they were arrested Dec. 15 and were found guilty of possessing arms and ammunition. They were also charged with being concerned in a raid in which property was stolen.

REPORT OF STATE PARK AND FOREST COMMISSION
Hartford, Dec. 29.—Requests for appropriations of \$150,000 for the purchase of land, and \$250,000 for development and maintenance, are contained in the annual report of the state park and forest commission submitted to Governor Lavin.

The commission expresses the opinion that the citizens of the state are slow to appreciate the acquisition of "public open spaces" while there are such places to acquire.

SHIP IN DISTRESS CALLED FOR IMMEDIATE ASSISTANCE
Boston, Dec. 29.—A radio message picked up here today from a steamship giving her name as the Oceanic said she was lying badly to leeward and was in need of immediate assistance. It was believed the ship was in the vicinity of the Cape Cod lights.

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